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RAILWAYS
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ABANDONING OF INTERNET SUBSIDIARY AND E-COMMERCE CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering abandoning an Internet subsidiary under the Railways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the same fate has fallen on e-commerce corporation proposed to be set up as announced in the last Railway Budget; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (d) Presently, a corporation named RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RCIL) under Ministry of Railways has been formed with the approval of Cabinet. The Corporation proposes to lay optic fibre cable along the Railway track and to provide various telecom services. In addition, in the Railway Budget for the Year 2001-02, a separate IT company to avail of the opportunities offered by e-commerce has been contemplated. The proposal is under conceptual stage and final decision on the issue is yet to be taken.